

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1256, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1234–1257, S. Res. 183–184, and S. Con. Res. 26.

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Measures Reported:

H.R. 813, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the “J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

H.R. 837, to designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, as the “Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building”.

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Measures Passed:

Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act: By 79 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 207), Senate passed H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees’ Retirement System, as amended, clearing the measure for the President.

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Celebrating the Life and Achievements of Millard Fuller: Senate agreed to S. Res. 183, celebrating the life and achievements of Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity.

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Condolences to Family and Friends of Officer Stephen T. Johns: Senate agreed to S. Res. 184, offering deepest condolences to the family and friends of Officer Stephen T. Johns and calling on the lead-

ers of all Nations to speak out against the manifestations of anti-Semitism, bigotry, and hatred.

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Measures Considered:

Travel Promotion Act—Cloture Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1023, to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 11, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, following a period of morning business, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and that there be one hour of debate prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, with time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that upon use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Slavery Apology Concurrent Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, June 18, 2009, following a period of morning business, Senate begin consideration of S. Con. Res. 26, apologizing for the enslavement and racial segregation of African Americans, and that there be 60 minutes for debate relative to the resolution, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; provided that no amendments be in order to

the concurrent resolution or preamble; provided further, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on adoption of the concurrent resolution.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John R. Norris, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2012.

Michael Anthony Battle, Sr., of Georgia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Donald Sternoff Beyer, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Martha Larzelere Campbell, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Donald Henry Gips, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Gordon Gray, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

John R. Nay, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

Daniel M. Rooney, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

Richard J. Schmierer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

Pamela Jo Howell Slutz, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Vinai K. Thummalapally, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Belize.

Rocco Landesman, of New York, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years.

Joseph W. Westphal, of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—207)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 1:45 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6571.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Gerald M. Cross, Acting Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Patrick W. Dunne, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Steve L. Muro, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Rita A. Reed, Acting Assistant Secretary for Management, and Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gordon S. Heddell, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, J. Michael Gilmore, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Zachary J. Lemnios, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Dennis M. McCarthy, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs,